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FOR DR BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING REPEAT TEL AVIV 6209 ACTION STATE AUG 19.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 6209

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PASS WHITE HOUSE

FOR HABIB AND ATHERTON FROM LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, IS, LE
SUBJECT: SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. EVRON TOLD ME TODAY THAT ROLLIE EVANS HAS CALLED THE
ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ASK FOR COMMENT ABOUT
A STORY HE HAD BEEN GIVEN IN SOME BACKGROUND BRIEFING
BY A "HIGH ADMINISTRATION SOURCE." THE STORY RELATED
TO AN IMPENDING ISRAELI MILITARY OPERATION IN SOUTHERN
LEBANON, AND ADMINISTRATION CONCERNS ABOUT THAT PROSPECT.
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2. EVRON STRESSED THAT THIS INQUIRY SEEMED TO CONFIRM
THEIR FEARS WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAD EARLIER
EXPRESSED DIRECTLY TO ME ABOUT DISTRIBUTION OF TELEGRAMS
AND KNOWLEDGE OF THIS SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON. EVRON
POINTED OUT THAT ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH POSSIBLE
MILITARY ACTION WAS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE HERE, AND

THAT THIS KIND OF BACKGROUNDING COULD WELL MAKE IT
MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOI TO BE AS OPEN WITH ME
AS IT WOULD OTHERWISE WISH TO BE.

3. I TOLD EVRON THAT I TOOK HIS POINT THOROUGHLY,
BUT THAT FROM THE WAY HE DESCRIBED THE STORY I WAS
NOT COMPLETELY CONVINCED THAT IT WAS BASED ON ANY
OFFICIAL LEAK. (I USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAX
HIM EQUALLY ABOUT SOME EGREGIOUS LEAKS IN THE ISRAELI
PRESS HERE CONCERNING MY LAST CONVERSATION WITH THE
PRIME MINISTER, ALTHOUGH THESE DEALT WITH SETTLEMENTS
POLICY RATHER THAN LEBANON.)

4. CAN YOU GIVE ME ANY AMMUNITION ON THIS ONE?
LEWIS UNQUOTE VANCE

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